



## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/000320

Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* 1-8 received by this Authority on 16.02.2005 with letter of 15.02.2005
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.\* 1 received by this Authority on 16.02.2005 with letter of 15.02.2005
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/4-4/4 as originally filed/furnished
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
1. Reference is made to the following document:			
D1: WO 03/008248 A (PBR AUSTRALIA PTY LTD; WANG NUI (AU)), 30 January 2003 (2003-01-30)			
2. Document D1, which is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1, discloses the following (the references in parentheses are to D1):			
<p>A parking brake with an electric motor, a cable pull device for actuating the brake, and a counter-rotary cable deflection system using two deflecting rollers for two interconnected brake cables that operate in substantially opposite directions, the deflecting rollers being arranged so that the line joining the axes of rotation of at least two deflecting rollers can be turned with respect to the main drive axis.</p>			
3. The subject matter of claim 1 differs from what is known from D1 in that the parking brake has a fixed deflecting roller (19) and a rotatable deflecting roller (20), the rotatable deflecting roller (20) being mounted on a pivot			

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arm (21) which can be pivoted by a drive shaft (12) driven by the electric motor (2). To reduce the torque on the drive shaft (12) the deflecting rollers (19, 20) and the pivot point of the pivot arm (21) are arranged so that when the parking brake is applied the moments exerted by the tractive forces (F) of the brake cables (3, 4) about the pivot point of the pivot arm at least partially or fully compensate each other.

The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

4. The problem addressed by the present invention can thus be seen as that of designing a parking brake with a cable deflection system that can reduce the moment exerted on the pivot arm when the brake is applied.
5. The solution proposed in claim 1 of the application involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) because the idea of using two deflecting rollers, only one of which is pivotable, is not obvious. The deflecting rollers are arranged so that when the parking brake is applied the moments exerted by the tractive forces of the brake cables partially or fully compensate each other.